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Morning Tonic

(I John iii. 10, 11.)

WHETHER doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

Uncle Walt's Way

By Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta
Constitution.

"GOOD country," said the Blizzard, "to freeze to day and night." But Spring is goin' to pelt him back with roses red and white; he thinks to pitch his snowy tent, but when the night is o'er he sees the Morning smiling at the roses 'round his door. He calls his icy regiments from far off hill and plain, but hears a girl a-singing of blossoms in the lane; his dreams are shivering shadows of stormy wind and sleet, when Love is at the picnic where the world is smiling sweet. O, stormy, wind-blown dreamer! the gloom dies in the gleam; the world you win no longer; it dreams a brighter dream; lost, in its own dim shadow—your Kingdom of the Snows; Love's at a gateway, smiling, and Morning wears a rose.

Agricultural extension is recognized as being a pressing need in the South and "Extension Farm News," the new publication of the A. and M. College, is a move in the right direction.

Levying a tax is one thing and collecting it is another. The machinery act is where the Legislature can possibly get in its best work in the direction of a fairer system of taxation.

Mr. J. C. Barkley, a former North Carolinian now living in Illinois, writes back to North Carolina and advises a State tax on dogs like they have in his adopted State. Is this a case of misery seeking company?

Short communications with the name of the author signed is the way to get before the News and Observer's family of readers. It is a fixed policy of this newspaper that no communications are published over a nom de plume.

With spring weather it is said that the slaughter in Europe will be on a vaster scale than ever. The advocates of peace will have to work rapidly or this fearful sacrifice of life cannot be prevented.

Thomas A. Edison was sixty-eight years old Thursday. With Edison every birthday terminates a year of achievement. Edison is a criterion for industry and there are few who cannot profit from a contemplation of his career.

The House is said to hold that a five dollar tax on one thousand pharmacists will bring an income of five thousand dollars. In this connection it is interesting to recall that the Municipal Association says the State collects just about thirty per cent of its Schedule B taxes. Plainly, if the pharmacists' tax brings the State five thousand dollars the "machinery" will have to be oiled up quite considerably.

ALL PARTIES FOR PRIMARY.

The call of the people of North Carolina is for the passage of a State-wide primary law which will provide for the nomination of all elective officers by the people.

This should be recognized by the General Assembly in the passage of a bill which will give directly to the people the right to name the men whom they desire to be the candidates of their party. And there should be the safeguards of a corrupt practices act thrown about such a primary law.

The parties represented in the General Assembly have endorsed the State-wide legalized primary and its principles in their platforms. The passage of a State-wide primary law would be endorsed by the people. It would say to them that the right of the people to rule is recognized.

In its platform the Democratic party of North Carolina said:

We endorse the principles of a legalized State-wide primary for all National, State, and Judicial officers, and we pledge the party to the enactment of such laws as will make this principle applicable to all parties.

In its platform the Republican party of North Carolina said:

We favor a State-wide legalized primary applicable to all parties and for all offices.

The Progressive and Roosevelt Republican parties of North Carolina adopted a resolution which set out:

The State-wide legalized primary for all parties on the same day and for all officers is endorsed.

The General Assembly of North Carolina is controlled by the Democratic party. The passage of a State-wide primary law is in the hands of this Democratic majority. The Democratic party has spoken out for the principle of the State-wide primary. The national Democratic party in its platform declared for a primary for the expression of preference for candidates for President and directed that delegates to the Democratic National Convention should be elected at a primary and that the National Committeemen should be elected in the same manner. And in its platform there occurs this:

We direct attention to the fact that the Democratic party's demand for a return to the rule of the people, expressed in the national platform four years ago, has now become the accepted doctrine of a large majority of the electors. We again remind the country that only by a larger exercise of the reserved power of the people can they protect themselves from the misuse of delegated power and the usurpation of governmental instrumentalities by special interests. For this reason the National Convention insisted on the overthrow of Cannonism and the inauguration of a system by which United States Senators could be elected by direct vote. The Democratic party offers itself to the country as an agency through which the complete overthrow and extirpation of corruption, fraud, and machine rule in American politics can be effected.

Democracy in State and in nation is for the rule of the people. The General Assembly should pass a State-wide primary law for all elective officers and answer the demand of the people.

MAKE THEM SHORT.

The News and Observer likes to have communications on live topics from its readers.

But the communications desired are those which are short and to the point. Long drawn out communications have to wait their turn to get into the paper, if indeed they get there at all before their timeliness expires.

The General Assembly being in session this paper finds that it is receiving a mass of communications which it has to delay printing because of lack of space and the necessity of printing current news. So those who desire their communications printed should make them brief.

And this matter also. The News and Observer does not print communications without the real name of the writer being signed to them for publication. Numbers of such communications have been received lately, and hence we repeat the notice given frequently before that they will not be printed.

Senator La Follette made a strong argument in the Senate Friday for the bill looking to a conference of representatives of neutral nations to take steps for peace. That really is the world's great problem at present and everything else should be made subordinate to it. The horror of the European war is already too great.

CELEBRATE IT RIGHT.

There is a right and a wrong way to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. The wrong way is to make it the occasion of sending a valentine that has a sting. It is easy to satisfy a feeling of enmity or anger by sending a valentine that will wound. Don't do it. Celebrate the day nobly and generously or not at all.

And it often happens that the hideous comic valentine when sent purely in fun leaves a wound. There are more sensitive souls in the world than we sometimes suppose. A valentine intended to "take off" in a humorous way some peculiarity may result in a bitter thought rankling long in the mind of the recipient. Don't send it.

Valentines are largely for lovers any way and lovers should of course send each other valentines that are suggestive of or are tokens of the tender emotion. A special writer in today's paper says the custom of lovers sending valentines is dying out. We have our doubts. But the comic should go except in cases where there is no chance at all that offense can be given, and those cases are few.

A FORWARD MOVE.

The agricultural forces of the State as represented by the A. and M. College, the State Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station are to be congratulated on their enterprise in enlarging their extension service by the publication of a weekly newspaper to be known as "Extension Farm News."

The object of the publication is to furnish the other newspapers of the State first-hand news of matters of special interest and value to the farming public.

The new publication should have the effect of bringing the agricultural agencies working in the State into a closer and more vital relation with the people. This is of course for every reason to be desired. The need is for more and better farming and what it takes to give the State that, the institutions here in Raleigh aided by the national department and other forces can provide. The thing needful is to get the facts before the people. The Farm News, appealing directly to the local newspapers, should supply the missing link.

VACCINATION.

No better advice in the way of taking care of one's health in the way of the prevention of smallpox is that there be vaccination, for vaccination has shown its value.

Outside of the present trouble in Raleigh with regard to the matter of smallpox it has been conclusively shown to the world that the proper preventive for the disease is vaccination. So no matter whether one takes or does not take the position that there should be quarantine for smallpox, vaccination is a wise measure.

That the knowledge that there are cases of smallpox to be encountered is a first aid to the desire for vaccination on the part of those not vaccinated is capable of demonstration. Believing most thoroughly in the value of vaccination against smallpox we advise that all who are not vaccinated take steps at once to be vaccinated. It is better to be safe than sorry, and there is safety in vaccination.

OUR SUNDAY SERMON.

The News and Observer has for a considerable time published as the leading article on the editorial page each Sunday a little sermon.

Hereafter these sermons, which have been written by the editor, will be discontinued on those Sundays in which there appears "A Sunday Sermon by a Sinner," under which head there will be Sunday sermons written by Hon. Charles W. Tillett, of Charlotte, one of the leading attorneys of North Carolina.

The first of these sermons by Mr. Tillett appears today, immediately following the editorials. Mr. Tillett is a writer of force and ability and we know that his sermons will prove of interest and of value. We are glad to be able to add these sermons by Mr. Tillett as a feature of the News and Observer.

Congressman Kindel, of Colorado, says he will not say woman suffrage is a failure in Colorado, but that woman suffrage has prevailed in Colorado a long time and there has been no improvement in conditions. There are people who say no improvement in conditions followed the adoption of prohibition in North Carolina, but most people hold that there has been improvement.

William Barnes, of New York, says he is ready to serve his party as Senator to succeed James A. O'Gorman. But why should the Republicans want to remove O'Gorman?